

Nominations Open for Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards

NEW CASTLE (June 28, 2018) – Nominations for the Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards are being accepted by the State Office of Volunteerism through Friday, Aug. 10. These awards recognize the important contributions made by Delaware's volunteers, 18 and older, to their communities.

"Volunteers all across our state are doing incredible things on behalf of individuals, organizations and communities in need," **Governor John Carney** said. "The Governor's Outstanding Volunteer Awards offer an opportunity to nominate and honor those champions for making a difference in our state."

Individuals, organizations, community groups, and corporate volunteerism can be nominated for volunteer efforts during 2017 in the areas of:

- arts/culture
- community service
- economic opportunity
- education/literacy
- environment
- health & special needs
- healthy futures
- human needs
- public safety
- social justice/advocacy
- veterans/military families

The Paul Wilkinson Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to a person who has had a longtime commitment to volunteerism. Award recipients will be honored at a special ceremony Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Dover Downs Hotel.

“The 2018 Governor’s Outstanding Volunteer Awards provides an excellent opportunity for organizations to recognize volunteers for their service and also serves to highlight best practices,” said **Kanani Hines Munford, Senior Administrator in the State Office of Volunteerism and Executive Director of the Governor’s Commission on Community and Volunteer Service**. “Now is the time to nominate individuals and groups for their exemplary service.”

The nomination form is available on [www.https://volunteer.delaware.gov](https://volunteer.delaware.gov). Nominators may also request a nomination form by emailing dhss_VolunteerDelaware@delaware.gov or calling (302) 857-5006.

“The Commission advocates for volunteerism and encourages Delawareans to nominate those exemplary groups and individuals who selflessly give their time and their talents to the communities they serve,” said **Georgeanna Windley, Chair of the Governor’s Commission on Community and Volunteer Service, of the 2018 Governor’s Outstanding Volunteer Awards**.

Nominations must be delivered by Friday, Aug. 10, to the Office of Volunteerism, Attn: Governor’s Outstanding Volunteer Awards, c/o April Willey, Williams State Service Center, 805 River Road, Dover, DE, 19901, or emailed to dhss_VolunteerDelaware@delaware.gov.

The Governor’s Outstanding Volunteer Awards are sponsored by the Office of the Governor and are coordinated by the Division of State Service Centers’ State Office of Volunteerism and the Governor’s Commission on Community and Volunteer Service.